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Whereas, Garney Henley graduated from Hayti High School and became a sport's legend in South Dakota as he continued his education at Huron College; and,

Whereas, Garney is one of only two high school athletes to have competed as a starter in four consecutive State Basketball Championships, winning the State Championship in 1954; and,

Whereas, At Huron College, Garney lettered in three sports and played football, leading the nation in total career scoring with 394 points and 4,084 total offensive yards, for which he was inducted into the National College Football Hall of Fame in 2004; and,

Whereas, Garney was South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference All Conference 4 years in a row and was selected to Little All American Bowl in 1960 winning the Most Valuable Player Award; and,

Whereas, The Green Bay Packers drafted Garney and traded him to the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in Ontario, Canada, where he played for 16 years and was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1979 and was selected the 6th best player to have ever played Canadian Professional Football in the last 50 years; and,

Whereas, Garney has been inducted into the Howard Wood Hall of Fame, The South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, Guelph University Hall of Fame, the South Dakota Baseball Hall of Fame and the South Dakota Hall of Fame where he currently serves as Chairman of the Board; and,

Whereas, In 2000, Garney was selected by Sports Illustrated as the third best athlete in the last century from the state of South Dakota, and has been a source of inspiration for many young athletes he coached; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor of South Dakota to recognize Garney as his family and friends gather to honor him at the annual Huron College alumni gathering:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 21, 2007, as

GARNEY HENLEY DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State